

Minutes of a Meeting
Of the
BROOKLYN RECREATION BOARD
September 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Called:

Alison Rafter	-	Present
Rebecca Byndas	-	Absent
Robert Hennings	-	Absent
Kevin Tanski	-	Present
Mike Wrost	-	Present

There was a motion by Rafter, second by Wrost to approve May 20, 2019 minutes:

Vote resulted:

Yes – Rafter, Tanski, Wrost

Abstain – None

No – None

Recreation Commissioner Jack Abbruzzese gave the following report:

Department Financials

Financial updates from Jack for every meeting. Jack asked the board if they want the reports emailed, copies at the meetings, or he can just read them off. The board decided them to be emailed. These are reports from Sportsman System. We are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way into the year. Jack likes percentages to measure. We try to get 75% of revenue as year before. Revenue reports: Ice rink this year 68% + 6% from last year. Pool 80% last year and this year 98% projected revenue. Last year pool closed in August for painting. Pool doing well. Parks 69% last year and up 10%. 156% up for permits. Doing well. Programs doing well. Day Camp, Soccer, Miscellaneous income, ID cards and passes up over 100%. Parma Heights especially. Park permits up 156%.

Youth Soccer

Started 2 weeks ago. Changes to mention. Effort to get High School involved this year and work with kids, coaches, and parents. Beneficial. Boys team 1st week, girls team 2nd week. Fall Soccer up fifteen kids from last Fall. Alison asked where the age is the most numbers. 3 Rec travel teams. Our struggle is to get girls 9-11 years old. 3, 4, 5 have 45 kids. Fall is lower than Spring.

Youth Basketball

Expanding full league setting. Jack talked to Jim Verba and Superintendent Gleichauf and they were very accommodating. Pay a fee this year. Week night practices for grades 3-6. (7:16 p.m. Robert Hennings arrived.)

A bunch of cities. 1-2 still on Friday Nights at school. More clinical. Middle School tough. Don't want to take away from school teams. Practice in November. Games 1 or 2 games. Start again in January.

Safety Town

We got the go ahead to pave the course. Jack talked to John Verba the Service Director. Phase 2 is plotting course. Spring of 2020. City Engineer Architect will help design buildings. Building plans we will send to Polaris School. Departments make their own building. Bobby asked about the old buildings at the stadium. Jack said the goal is to make them permanent. Weather proof them. Bobby also asked if Jack wanted the tricycles. Dan Meadows is doing the curriculum part of it. Looking into multiple grant opportunities to cover some of it. Alison asked what happened to Safety Town in the past. PTA was doing it. It just fell off and never brought back. The Rec department only did the registering.

School Skating Parties

Maria came up with this idea. Theme nights weren't heavily attended. We reached out to the schools to book a Friday. They can pick their own theme and get a deal on skate rental. STM and Heritage schools already signed up. No response from Brooklyn yet. Bobby asked who we contacted from Brooklyn and Jack will ask Maria who she called.

New Projects for 2020 (In Approval Process)

- A new facility down the road.
- Goal is to upgrade the parks. More people.
- The Pool is a big draw.
- The Park will add Safety Town and upper Memorial path with grant money.
- Community Room upstairs replace the floor for more fitness programs.
- Outdoor Pool tear out vegetation. Possibly put in a Play structure. Jungle gym. Turf area and put in playground surface.
- Water feature removable so we can put up and take down.
- Memorial 1 grass sidelines, re-do fence but still use posts, and put up a 9 foot scoreboard.
- Replace UV lights for pool.
- Mechanical, compressor, whirl pool in 2021.
- When we get the Master Plan back. Bobby asked about a big slide and Jack said possible but not permanent. Splash pad.

Open Forum

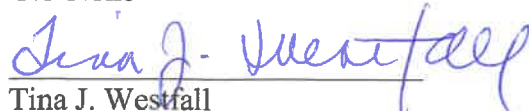
Alison said women are uncomfortable to walk trails in Lower Park. Jack said adding some equipment to trails would bring more people. Auxiliary patrol more. Call chief. The gate was put up years ago because people were starting fires in lower bathrooms. Mike asked about the summer sport courts. Pickle ball was a flop. It is popular other cities. We will try again next year. Basketball ran smooth after worked kinks out. Hoops held up. \$1200.00 revenue compared to \$400.00 last year. Outdoor sport court had Zero complaints. Hours: 8am-4pm. Will not scale back anymore. Pool Concession really didn't do that good. Maybe no outside food next year. Fall sport teams used the pool.

MOTION by Hennings, seconded by Wrost to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Vote resulted:

Yes-Rafter, Hennings, Tanski, Wrost

No-None



Tina J. Westfall

Secretary